

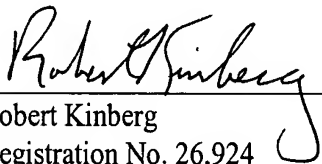
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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to eliminate multiple claim dependency. Examination on the merits of the application is requested. A marked up version showing the changes made to claim 5 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF THE CLAIM

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. A coupling agent according to claim 3 [or 4], wherein said mixture is composed solely of biocompatible substances.